

arenas. A graduate of the University of Mines in El Paso and a member of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean War, Frank jumped into the family business just in time to play an integral role in some of the most storied oil discoveries in Texas. A lifelong student, he always had a book handy to feed his quest for knowledge.

It was during his wildcatting days that Frank embarked on the biggest adventure of his life—his 35-year marriage to Martha. They settled into the life of a west Texas ranching family moving to Fort Stockton and then Alpine to raise their three children. The tragic death of their oldest child, Mark, only served to strengthen the Pollard family's bond by encouraging them all to live every day to the absolute fullest.

A man who could play devil's advocate on any issue, "Daddy Frank" was one of a kind. No matter the topic or the audience he could offer opinions and hold court. With a larger-than-life personality, he could enjoy himself in a roomful full of oilmen or children. He knew when to lead, when to inspire, and when to let someone learn their own lessons.

If Hollywood had ever wanted to put a real Texas wildcatter and rancher on the silver screen, a casting director could have struck Texas gold with Frank Pollard. Always armed with a story, a joke, a way to draw people in, Daddy Frank was the epitome of the proud Texas wildcatter from the tips of his boots to the top of his cowboy hat, and we can all learn from his example of what it means to have Texas integrity.

On December 6, Frank was reunited with his beloved Martha and their oldest son, Mark. He leaves behind for his family and friends a lifetime of Daddy Frank stories to tell and a legacy of the Texas spirit. Once again, I thank those in the chamber and all Americans for allowing me to share Frank's story of the importance of family, friends, and living life each and every day to the fullest.

#### TRIBUTE TO JUDIE BOLAM

#### HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 10, 2008*

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Judie Bolam, Judie recently celebrated 10 years of service in my Omaha Congressional Office. She is a dedicated servant to the Second Congressional District of Nebraska. She works hard and deserves accolades.

Judie serves as staff assistant for my Omaha Congressional Office. Judie has the unofficial title of "director of first impressions." She starts every day taking the time to speak to each staff member face to face. She is a dedicated worker who always has a smile and her face and knows everyone by first name.

Judie, thank you for your positive attitude. It has made a difference in every project you worked on over the past 10 years. I am lucky to have found you, and I know the staff believes the office is lucky you found us. Hard work and patience pays off, and we could not have done it without you, Judie. Thank you.

#### IN REMEMBRANCE OF KRISTALLNACHT

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 10, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Congregation Shaarey Tikvah in Beachwood, Ohio as they commemorate the seventieth anniversary of Kristallnacht—The Night of Shattered Glass.

Kristallnacht was a series of events that began on the night of November 9, 1938 in which the Nazi Third Reich in Germany and Austria destroyed over 200 synagogues, thousands of stores, hundreds of homes and a number of Jewish community centers in what is widely considered to be the beginning of the Holocaust. I stand with the members of Congregation Shaarey Tikvah and all members of the Greater Cleveland Community in marking November 9, 2008 as the official 70-Year Remembrance Day of Kristallnacht. I also rise in recognition of the organizers of this important interfaith program as all members of our community join in remembering the lives of those lost during the Holocaust and in commemorating this historical night. Their contributions exemplify the diversity and culture that our community is so fortunate to possess.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembrance of Kristallnacht and in honor of Congregation Shaarey Tikvah as they join with members of our community in commemorating this historic event.

#### HONORING DENNIS RAINIER'S RETIREMENT FROM MURFREESBORO PARKS AND RECREATION

#### HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 10, 2008*

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Rainier on his retirement after over 37 years of service.

Dennis grew up in Maryland and came to Murfreesboro to play baseball for my alma mater, Middle Tennessee State University. Like many MTSU alums, he never left Murfreesboro.

In 1971, Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Director Ray Duffy noticed a young man working with children in a gym at Hobgood Elementary School. Dennis Rainier was holding a basketball camp, and Mr. Duffy must have liked what he saw because he offered Dennis the position of Assistant Director that day. Nine years later, Mr. Duffy retired, and Dennis was appointed to lead the fledgling Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department that would become one of the best programs in Tennessee.

Under Dennis' direction, the Old Fort Golf Course was constructed, as was SportsCom, StarPlex, Barfield-Crescent Park, and Patterson Park Community Center, each offering a variety of fitness opportunities for everyone in Murfreesboro.

Dennis and I worked together on making the Stones River Greenway and the Discovery

Center and Nature Trail at Murfree Spring a reality. Tens of thousands of people use the Greenway, and an estimated 100,000 children and families explore the Discovery Center's exhibits each year.

In addition to fitness complexes, golf courses and greenways, Murfreesboro also hosts a variety of State high school sports championships. These events bring millions of tourist dollars into the city, and Dennis always worked hard to make them a success.

Dennis, I've enjoyed working with you and have always appreciated your "can-do" attitude. I hope you enjoy a long and happy retirement with your wife, children and grandchild.

#### TRIBUTE TO CROOK COUNTY JUDGE SCOTT COOPER

#### HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 10, 2008*

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Madam Speaker, It is with great pride and gratitude that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding public servant and community leader from Oregon's Second Congressional District, Crook County Judge Scott Cooper. Scott has chosen to conclude his service as county judge at the end of this month, and I would like to share with our colleagues some background on this special leader.

Judge Cooper was elected to his post in November 2000, and has served two terms in office. Before taking office as county judge, Scott was a member of the Prineville City Council, serving from 1997–2000.

The position of county judge triggers memories of Oregon's great frontier history, but the role is not one of living in the past. Judge Cooper's colleagues will all tell you one thing definite about him: he gets things done. Shortly after coming to office and learning that the historic county courthouse had been without hot water for years, Judge Cooper decided he was going to get that fixed. Naysayers told him that it had been tried before, but it would cost too much and couldn't be done. A call to a local plumber and a mere \$20 later, folks realized the Judge wasn't one to take no for an answer. This isn't the only example. Technologically speaking, he brought Crook County into the 21st Century. When Judge Cooper came into office, many recall that the Crook County system of government had many moving parts. Thirty different departments worked separately of each other with little formal interaction. Without this formality among the departments and residents, county administration and budgeting tended to be a little chaotic. Judge Cooper's vision led to a computer network being created so departments could interact and set up a county Web site where residents could keep track of county services and business. Reflecting Scott's core beliefs that public service is about fiscal responsibility and making customer service a priority, Crook County now works as one body for the betterment of the whole.

Judge Cooper has served not only Crook County well, but has looked out for the interests of central Oregon and the State as a whole in a wide variety of positions during his

tenure in office. With a flair for fiscal responsibility and innovative management, he is recognized as a leader throughout Oregon on transportation, health care, and economic development matters. He served as treasurer of the Association of Oregon Counties. He is a two-term member of the Oregon State Housing Council. He twice served on the Connect Oregon 1 project selection committee and served as a member of the Governor's Task Force on county payments relief. In 2006, he accompanied Governor Ted Kulongoski as an official delegate representing Oregon counties on the Governor's Trade Mission to Korea and Japan. He has also served as chair of the Central Oregon Community Investment Board of Directors and the Accountable Behavioral Health Alliance, and as a board member of Mosaic Medical, a regional community-based health care system serving low-income, underinsured families and individuals. He served as vice chair for the Economic Development for Central Oregon Advisory Board and two terms on the Central Oregon Area Transportation Committee. As you can see, Judge Cooper has never let much grass grow beneath his feet.

Judge Cooper's dedication to his community and state has not gone unnoticed. He is the past recipient of the State of Oregon's Economic Development Professional of the Year Award, the Economic Development for Central Oregon Public Sector of the Year, the Association of Oregon Counties Outstanding Service Award, the University of Oregon's Friend of Education Award and the Crook County High School "Pardner" Award.

Judge Cooper has been strongly supported by his family and specifically his wife, Bend attorney Laura Craska Cooper, and their three wonderful daughters. Scott is an outstanding father and a terrific advocate for today's youth. In addition to his family regularly hosting foreign exchange students, he likes to keep kids involved in government by delivering special talks in local schools and giving class tours at the Crook County Courthouse.

In 1857, George H. Williams, a delegate to Oregon's constitutional convention, argued about county judges, "Give us one competent man to administer the affairs of the county, whose compensation would enable him to devote his time to his duties, and we would have a much more satisfactory and economical administration of county affairs."

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize my good friend, Judge Scott Cooper, who has proven he is that one competent man, and laud him for his years of dedicated public service, his numerous contributions to community and for his strong character as a citizen of Crook County, Oregon. Scott's leadership for the county will be sorely missed, but he is a young and energetic man with many great years ahead of him and I look forward to his continued involvement in other leadership capacities in Oregon.

**CELEBRATING DR. JAMES A. BOYD  
43RD PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 10, 2008*

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a spiritual and community lead-

er from my home state of Mississippi. Dr. James A. Boyd has been a pastor for Zion Gate Missionary Baptist Church for the past 43 years, and has been an inspiration to the people not only in his parish, but also around the country.

Dr. Boyd is a native of Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, and graduated from Oktibbeha Training School before earning a bachelor's degree from Stillman College in 1964. He also attended Iowa State University and Mississippi State University. He received a doctorate of ministry at San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, California. He also received a doctorate of divinity from Mary Holmes College in West Point, Mississippi, in 2002.

I wish to honor him by marking some of his many accomplishments. Throughout his time in Mississippi he has been president of the Northeast Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Inc., board member of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., past president of the Northeast Mississippi Baptist State S.S. and N.B.C. Congress, both a trustee and chairman of the Ministerial Institute and College, homiletic instructor at the Ministerial Institute and College, lecturer for the Mt. Olivet District Association, evangelist for revivals, seminars and conferences across the nation.

Today we can all take the time to remember Dr. Boyd's hard work, leadership, and selfless devotion to the Lord, as well as to the people of his congregation.

**HONORING MOLLY LLOYD**

**HON. LEE TERRY**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 10, 2008*

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of my District Director Molly Lloyd. Molly recently celebrated 10 years of service in my Omaha Congressional Office. She is a dedicated servant to the Second Congressional District of Nebraska. She works hard and deserves accolades.

Molly Lloyd serves as my District Director in my Omaha Congressional Office. Molly knows how to lead and build an effective team, not to mention her stealth communication skills. Her talents and commitment to selfless public service are evident throughout the community. No one is more loved and respected than Molly Lloyd.

Molly is a lifelong Nebraskan and was born to proud parents Kay and Bob Koozer in Omaha. She graduated from Westside High School and attended Hastings College where she earned a bachelor's degree in communications in only 3 years. After college, she worked to elect Mayor Hal Daub for the city of Omaha and served as his director of public affairs until 1997. I was fortunate to gain her as a member of my congressional staff upon my election in 1998. She is mother of two beautiful daughters, Emma and Ellie and is married to her soul mate Mark Lloyd.

Some questioned me for hiring someone so young to become the director of my Omaha office, but their criticisms were soon silenced as her talents and her commitment to selfless public service became obvious to the entire community. Her strong leadership skills and

fierce dedication to conservative principles have served my office well.

Molly knows her hometown inside and out and is an active member of the community, including volunteering and advocating for causes and organizations such as the Joslyn Foundation, the American Diabetes Association, and as a founder of the Leadership Circle to help the next generation of women leaders enter public service.

I appreciate Molly's friendship, and I respect her dedication and invaluable contributions over the past ten years. I am proud to call her a friend and to congratulate and honor her today for all that she has accomplished.

**HONORING MURFREESBORO FIRE  
CHIEF DAVID BAXTER UPON HIS  
RETIREMENT**

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 10, 2008*

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief David Baxter who is retiring from the Murfreesboro Fire Department after 30 years of service.

When David began his career as a firefighter in 1977, the Murfreesboro Fire Department consisted of 60 personnel and four fire halls. Today, David oversees 120 personnel and 11 fire halls. In addition to fighting fires, today's personnel are certified to handle HAZMAT and extrication situations, and they are medically trained to be first responders.

David worked with the Murfreesboro City Council and city administration to build one of Tennessee's best fire departments, which he has led as chief for the last 20 years.

In 1988, the year David became chief, the Murfreesboro Fire Department had a Class 4 Insurance Service Organization rating. The ISO rating is a benchmark for measuring the effectiveness of a fire department's fire-protection services—the lower the rating, the better. Today, the Murfreesboro Fire Department has a Class 2 rating, making it one of only two fire departments in Tennessee with this rating.

David not only improved the fire department, but he also put policies in place that better ensure the safety of the Murfreesboro firefighters.

Before David became the Fire Chief, firefighters were only required to wear coats and helmets when putting out fires. However, one of the first things David did upon becoming chief was necessitating that each firefighter within 10 feet of a fire be fully dressed in fire turnout gear and wear a self-contained breathing apparatus.

David also initiated educational programs for schools and businesses and was a strong proponent of the installation of smoke detectors throughout the city.

All of David's efforts over the years have made the Murfreesboro community safer and better protected.

Thank you David. I hope you have a happy retirement.